

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

April 6, 1999

**FROM: DICK DWYER, Interim Director
Department of Behavioral Health**

SUBJECT: DRUG COURT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Department of Behavioral Health and the County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator to submit a \$1.6 million joint application and multi-agency plan with the Presiding Judge of the San Bernardino County Superior and Municipal Courts to the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs to continue the existing San Bernardino Central Drug Court program for four years.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The San Bernardino Central Drug Court was established in 1994. Acclaimed for its effective multi-agency partnership and comprehensive treatment program, the Central Court continues to be designated by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals as one of the seventeen mentor drug courts across the country. The San Bernardino Central Drug Court program annually provides a court supervised, comprehensive alcohol and drug treatment program for 167 nonviolent defendants. For the past five years the Central Court has operated with partial federal funding from several Department of Justice funding initiatives. All Federal grant participation terminates at the close of FY 98/99.

The Drug Court Partnership Act of 1998 (SB1587) identified State General Funds for distribution through a competitive Request for Application (RFA) process to be administered by the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs with the concurrence of the California Judicial Council. The California Drug Court Partnership Program is a state-wide 48-month, \$15.2 million grant program to be released through a competitive application process. The purpose of the RFA is to fund a group of drug courts that will demonstrate, through a state evaluation, the effectiveness of drug courts in maintaining public safety while reducing local and state government costs. Scoring preference will be given to requests for funding to continue existing drug court programs.

Grant funds are being requested for FY 99/00 through FY 02/03 to support the continuation of the San Bernardino Central Drug Court existing outpatient treatment program provided by Mental Health Systems, Inc., and the costs of the Drug Court Administrator and Clerk III. In addition the grant will fund enhanced participation of a Public Health Nurse to assist pregnant and parenting drug court clients.

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REVIEW BY OTHERS: The application has been reviewed and approved as to form by: Deputy County Counsel Charles J. Larkin; and all participating agencies including Probation, Public Health, Sheriff, District Attorney, Public Defender, San Bernardino Police Department, Mental Health Systems, Inc., the Presiding Superior Court Judge and the San Bernardino Central Drug Court Judge.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: If awarded, the grant will provide \$400,000 annually for FY 99/00 through FY 02/03 to San Bernardino County. After the first year's award, annual renewal awards will be contingent upon legislative authority and adequate project progress as determined by the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) and the California Judicial Council. For FY 99/00 the proposed match of \$557,088 includes: in kind match of \$291,054 from collaborating county departments, and cash match of \$266,034 from Office of Alcohol and Drug Programs (OADP) program funds, Medi-Cal, and client fees. No additional County General Funds are requested.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): First, Second, Third and Fifth

PRESENTER: Dick Dwyer, Interim Director